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SUBJ: ETHNIC TROUBLES

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1. AFTER READING STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL, MINISTER IN EFFECT DISMISSED ASSEMBLED DIPLOMATS BUT NO ONE MOVED TO GO. GERMAN AMBASSADOR, CHARGING IN BLUNTLY WHERE ANGELS FEAR TREAD, ASKED WHETHER, IN VIEW RECENT EVENTS, GOR POLICY FAVORING ETHNIC 'INTEGRATION' HAD CHANGED. SUCH 'INTEGRATION' SEEN IN FACT MANY MINISTERS WERE MARRIED TO TUTSIS, TUTSIS IN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT HAD NOT BEEN BOTHERED, ETC. MINISTER WAS SURPRISED AND FIELDDED QUESTION AS BEST HE COULD SAYING GOR POLICY HAD NOT CHANGED. HE SAID POLICY WAS AS HE HAD JUST READ IT, AND THAT 91 PERCENT HUTUS, 9 PER CENT TUTSI AND 1 PERCENT TWAS OF POPULATION WERE ALL RWANDANS AND ENJOYED EQUAL RIGHTS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF A DIPLOMATIC

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MISSION, SAY, HAD SIX EMPLOYEES AND THEY WERE ALL TUTSIS,
THE AMBASSADOR OUGHT TO COME IN AND 'NEGOTIATE' QUESTION
WITH MINISTRY.

2. GOR STATEMENT OBVIOUSLY UNCONVINCING. AMBASSADORS SEEMED
MORE PERPLEXED THAN INFORMED. MINISTER DID, HOWEVER,
MAKE TELLING POINT WHEN HE REMINDED DIPLOMATS THEY WERE ENTIRELY
FREE TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, TO TALK TO ONE AND ALL AND
GATHER
ALL THE INFORMATION THEY COULD. HE INVITED THEM TO REPORT FULLY,
FRANKLY AND FAIRLY TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS.
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